

## REMARKS

The first preliminary amendment canceled claims 9-15.

This second preliminary amendment places the specification and claims in better conformance with standard U.S. practice. Corrections have been made to page 5 and Table 4 of the specification according to amendments made to the International application under Article 34. Both a marked-up version of Table 4 showing the corrections as well as a clean version of Table 4 as corrected are provided.

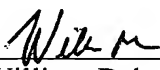
Independent claims 1, 3, 5 and 7 have each been amended to better comply with 35 USC §112 and to include limitations stated in canceled claim 14, as filed, according to amendments made to the International application under Article 34. New claims 16-27 recite the subject matter of canceled claims 9-13 and 15. No new matter was added.

After entry of this second preliminary amendment, claims 1-8 and 16-27 are pending. The pending claims include twenty (20) claims in total, five (5) independent, and no multiple dependent.

Applicants respectfully request consideration of claims 1-8 and 16-27.

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